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Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to urge you to do all within your power to secure the release of John Victor Stoen, age 6, who is currently being held against his parents' will on the People's Temple farm in Guyana.

His parents, Timothy and Grace Stoen, who are both American citizens, have left the church, but were restrained by the other members of the People's Temple from taking their son with them.

The Stoens are currently obtaining a California court order to regain custody of their son. I am asking for your full support in having the Guyanese government recognize the validity of the court order, and to expedite the return of John Victor Stoen to his parents here in the United States.

I am confident that with your backing this matter can be handled quickly and easily; I'm sure you understand the importance of time when our concern is to reunite a 6 year old boy restrained in a foreign country with his concerned parents.

I look forward to seeing your swift action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN Y. MINETA
Member of Congress

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